

# QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR EMPLOYER

**(PARENTS, RELATIVES,  
GRANDPARENTS, TOO!)**



- 1** **What are the hazards of the job?** Knowing the hazards around the farm will help you assess your risk, put appropriate controls in place and ask more specific questions.
- 2** **Are there any other hazards I should know about?** Some hazards are not as obvious to spot as others, and may take a while to affect you. Ask if any of the work will take place in noisy or dusty areas, or if you will be working with chemicals.
- 3** **Will I receive training for my job?** It's in everyone's best interest to know if you have the right skills for the job. Learn the skills you need before you do a new job on your own or alone.
- 4** **Will we have health and safety meetings?** Health and safety meetings are a great sign of your employer's commitment to health and safety. Meetings can be as informal as a 'tail gate' or 'tool box' chat. No board room required!
- 5** **Is there protective equipment I'll be expected to wear? Will I receive training in how to use it?** There may be items your employer requests you use whether they are your own (boots, safety glasses, etc.) or for everyone (ear plugs, dust masks, etc.) If you don't know how to use them...ask!
- 6** **Will I be trained in emergency procedures (fire, chemical spill)? When?** In case of emergency, your quick thinking may mean the difference between watching the barn burn down or loss of life. You need to know the farm's emergency procedures to make those decisions!
- 7** **Where are the fire extinguishers, first aid kits and other emergency equipment located?** Ask for a personalized tour of your new work environment; be sure to note where fire equipment, first aid kits, special equipment & telephones are located. Draw a map if you need to.
- 8** **What do I do if I get hurt? Who is the first aid person?** If you're hurt on the job, get first aid and tell your employer as quickly as possible. Know who the First Aider is and update your own first aid certificate so you can help others too!
- 9** **What are my health and safety responsibilities?** You are expected to do your very best to protect your own and your co-workers' health and safety. Don't willingly put yourself or others in harm's way. I've got your back - have you got mine?
- 10** **Who do I ask if I have a health or safety question?** Start by asking your supervisor. It is not a sign of weakness to ask questions - it could prevent an injury or save your life! Visit the Alberta Farm Safety Program at [www.agriculture.alberta.ca/farmsafety](http://www.agriculture.alberta.ca/farmsafety) for more farm safety information.

**KNOW THE JOB. KNOW THE HAZARD. GET THE TRAINING.**